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In re Application of: John H. Yoakum et al.

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For: **USING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED IN SESSION REQUESTS**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicants request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

The Applicants hereby make of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO 1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO 1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

In addition to the references cited in the attached PTO Form 1449, the Applicants attach herewith as Appendix A a copy of a Final Office Action having a mailing date of September 12,

2008 issued by the Patent Office during the prosecution of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/931,857, which applies U.S. Patent No. 6,237,025 and U.S. Patent No. 5,987,440 against claims 1, 3-5, 8-26, and 28-40 of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/931,857.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicants make no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist. The Applicants make no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). The Applicants make no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. § 102. Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicants, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusions regarding the relevance of the cited information.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1732.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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